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SUBJECT: SFM: PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

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1. ADMINCOUNS AND SFM LIAISON OFFICER CLEVELAND MET TODAY WITH MFA LEGAL ADVISOR FAWZI IBRASHI AND MFA PROTOCOL OFFICER. EL BRASHI ASSURED EMBOFFS THAT GOE WOULD EXTEND APPROPRIATE COURTESIES TO SFM PERSONNEL AS CITED UNDER PARA 6 OF US PROPOSAL. HE REPEATED THAT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS NECESSARY TO CLEARLY DEFINE THESE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. MFA AGREED TO FOLLOWING INTERIM MEASURES PENDING EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

AIR FREIGHT/HHE - GOE AGREED THAT FOR INTERIM PERIOD, EMBASSY WOULD FORWARD REQUESTS FOR CLEARANCE OF SFM AIRFREIGHT AND HHE THROUGH NORMAL CHANNEL TO MFA. MINISTRY WOULD PREPARE SPECIAL LETTER TO CUSTOMS REQUESTING IMMEDIATE CLEARANCE WITHOUT INSPECTION.

PERSONALLY OWNED VEHICLES- ITEM DISCUSSED BUT WHILE ORAL ASSURANCES RECEIVED THAT CUSTOMS FREE IMPORTATION WOULD BE PERMITTED, NO CONCLUSION REACHED ON INTERIM PROCEDURE. ALTHOUGH NOT URGENT AT THIS TIME ITEM MUST BE INCLUDED IN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

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DRIVER'S LICENSES- EMBASSY EARLIER RECOMMENDED TO SSM

THAT ALL SFM PERSONNEL OBTAIN INTERNATIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING EGYPTIAN LICENSES FOR EMBASSY EMPLOYEES IS COMPLICATED AND REQUIRES FONMIN ASSISTANCE. IBRASHI RECOMMENDED INTERNATIONAL LICENSES AS EASIEST AND BEST ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS- PRESENT PLAN IS THAT SFM WILL ISSUE ID CARDS WITH PHOTOGRAPH TO ALL THEIR PERSONNEL AND MINWAR WILL ISSUE SPECIAL PASS TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH SFM ID CARDS. MFA PREFERRED NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE UNLESS SPECIFIC PROBLEM ARISES.

IMMUNITIES - IBRASHI AGREED THAT SFM PERSONNEL SHALL BE IMMUNE FROM LOCAL CRIMINAL, CIVIL AND TAX JURISDICTION. HE AGREED THAT MFA WOULD HANDLE ANY PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE PRIOR TO THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

2. IBRASHI REITERATED POSITION THAT GOE CAN ONLY ACCEPT TERM "US PERSONNEL" AND NOTED ALSO THAT US PROPOSAL LIMITED NUMBER OF U.S. PERSONNEL IN SINAI TO 200.

3. ADMINCOUNS NOTED THAT ARTICLE 6 CONTAINS REFERENCE TO UNEF AGREEMENT OF FEB 13, 1957 AND REQUESTED A COPY. IBRASHI SHEEPISHLY REPLIED THAT MINISTRY COULD NOT LOCATE COPY AND ASKED THAT, IF EMBASSY OBTAINS ONE, IT PLEASE REPRODUCE FOR HIM. WE HAVE REQUESTED COPY FROM UNEF.

4. UNLIKE HIS SUPERIOR, UNDERSEC AHMAD OSMAN, IBRASHI WAS CURIOUS ABOUT PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES GRANTED BY ISRAELIS. HE ASKED THAT, IF POSSIBLE, A COPY OF US-ISRAELI AGREEMENT FOR SFM PERSONNEL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM.

5. ADMINCOUNS NOTED THAT HE HOPED DRAFT EXCHANGE LETTER WOULD BE AVAILABLE THIS WEEK AND AGREED TO MEET AGAIN WITH IBRASHI WHEN RECEIVED.
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